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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENTON, TEXAS

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THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BETTER THAN PARTICIPATING IN THE BAPTISM OF ONE'S GRANDCHILDREN BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME I CAN'T THINK WHAT IT MIGHT BE. AND SO, ONCE AGAIN, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS CONGREGATION, AND THEIR PASTOR, FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY PRIVILEGE AFFORDED ME THIS MORNING.

AND BEYOND THIS MORNING, I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR BEING THE CHURCH FOR THOSE GRANDCHILDREN. IT'S WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN BAPTISM. WHAT OTHER TRADITIONS CALL GODPARENTS, IN PRESBYTERIANS - IS A CONGREGATION. YOU ARE ALL CAROLYN'S GODPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS. YOU PROMISE TO BE

THE CHURCH FOR HER: TO PROVIDE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and nurture ~~OF VIRTUES~~ AND VALUES AND TO BE A COMMUNITY OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR HER.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT AND FOR THIS WONDERFUL ~~PRIVILEGE~~ TO BE WITH YOU AGAIN. IT HAS BEEN A SPECIAL GIFT TO GET TO KNOW TOM AND Reid Gaye -----, ~~AND~~ THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR LEADERSHIP AND FAITH AND JOY IS ALL AROUND THIS PLACE. x → no other more evident to visitor - than quality of rel. but. pastor + people. — this as seems happy - productive - maybe even pregnant w/ possibility

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We feel a real connection with you .. and it's good to see friends again.

Bennetts + Fogelman's

Bill Fogelman - contributed leadership to PC USA in very important ways recently - while PC is grateful to him

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ISAIAH 58:6-9

MATTHEW 5:13-16

TEXT: **"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. . . . LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."** -MATTHEW 5:14,16 (NRSV)

EVERY YEAR OF MY YOUTH, DURING THE FIRST WEEKS OF JUNE, I WAS SHIPPED OFF TO DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. IT WAS HELD THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SUMMER VACATION AND THUS PROVIDED A BLESSED TRANSITION PERIOD FOR MOTHERS ABOUT TO CONFRONT THE STARK REALITY OF CHILDREN AT HOME FOR THREE MONTHS.

OUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DIDN'T GO IN FOR THINGS LIKE BIBLE SCHOOL AND EVEN

IF IT DID, IT PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE COMPETED WITH THE BAPTISTS WHO WERE LIVELY AND INVENTIVE TO SAY THE LEAST!

WE SAW PUPPET SHOWS OF THE RESURRECTION, FLANNEL GRAPHS OF JESUS WALKING ON WATER AND PETER SINKING, THERE WERE BRASS QUARTETS AND PIANO DUETS, AND CRAFT TIME-IN WHICH YOU COULD BURN THE CROSS OF JESUS INTO A BLOCK OF SOFT PINE WOOD AND THEN PAINT IT GOLD, AND SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION CONTESTS WITH PRIZES. Yes!

AND THE MUSIC...

"I GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY, DEEP IN MY HEART"

"DO LORD, OH DO LORD, OH DO REMEMBER ME"

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

AND

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE,

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.

LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.

"HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.

HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.

LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE."

~~WE WON'T SING IT, BUT I KNOW THAT IF~~ YOU EVER SANG THAT SONG, IF YOU WERE SHIPPED OUT TO DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WHERE YOU SANG IT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE HUMMING IT ALL DAY - AS ~~I'VE BEEN HUMMING IT ALL WEEK~~

The organist is probably seriously concerned that I'm going to ask you to sing it. I won't - but

THE RELEVANCE OF THAT LITTLE SONG IS THAT IT FAITHFULLY ADDRESSES, IN SIMPLE AND CLEAR TERMS, A PROBLEM THAT HAS EXISTED FOR THE FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF JESUS FOR 2,000 YEARS; NAMELY THE

TEMPTATION TO RETREAT FROM, WITHDRAW FROM, BACK AWAY FROM, TURN YOUR BACK ON, THE WORLD, IN HIS NAME AND FOR HIS SAKE.

IT IS PERHAPS THE MOST PERSISTENT HERESY THROUGHOUT CHRISTIAN HISTORY: . . . . THE NOTION THAT IN ORDER TO BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS YOU HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD; THE NOTION THAT THE RELIGIOUS LIFE IS AN INTENTIONALLY OTHER-WORLDLY LIFE; AND THAT WHATEVER ELSE CHRISTIANS ARE ABOUT THEY CERTAINLY DON'T GO AROUND CALLING ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES; THAT HIDING WHATEVER LIGHT YOU HAVE UNDER THE BUSHEL IS PROPERLY MODEST AND APPROPRIATELY HUMBLE. THERE IS EVEN A THEOLOGY OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WORLD.

ROBERT FARAR CAPON, A WITTY EPISCOPAL THEOLOGIAN WRITES:

"THERE IS A HABIT THAT PLAGUES MANY SO-CALLED SPIRITUAL MINDS; THEY IMAGINE THAT MATTER AND SPIRIT ARE SOMEHOW AT

ODDS WITH EACH OTHER AND THAT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR HUMAN LIFE IS TO ESCAPE FROM THE WORLD INTO SOME FINER AND PURER (AND UNDOUBTEDLY DULLER) REALM... THAT IS A CRASHING MISTAKE. IT WAS GOD WHO INVENTED (THE WORLD)... GOD WHO AT THE END OF EACH DAY OF CREATION PRONOUNCED A RESOUNDING "GOOD!" AND IT IS GOD'S UNRELENTING LOVE OF ALL THE STUFF OF THIS WORLD THAT KEEPS IT IN BEING AT EVERY MOMENT." [THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB, XII]

God who invented Orangatans and onions.. | God invented sex — | It was God

JESUS WAS CLEAR ABOUT IT. THE WAY MATTHEW TELLS THE STORY, THE FIRST THING JESUS DID TO GET HIS WORK STARTED WAS RECRUIT A BAND OF FOLLOWERS, TAKE THEM UP ONTO A MOUNTAIN, SIT DOWN IN THEIR MIDST, IN THE CLASSIC POSTURE OF RABBI AND STUDENT, AND TEACH THEM WHAT HE WAS ABOUT AND WHAT HE WAS INVITING THEM TO DO.

THE FIRST THING HE SAYS TO THEM, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, IS A SERIES OF STATEMENTS THAT ARE STUNNING AND RADICAL. WE KNOW THEM AS THE BEATITUDES: "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, THE HUNGRY, THE PURE IN HEART, THE PEACE MAKERS, THE PERSECUTED."

THOSE STATEMENTS ARE SO VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY THINGS ACTUALLY ARE, THAT THE NATURAL RESPONSE TO THEM - "BLESSED ARE THE MEEK...THE PEACEMAKERS - " IS "OH YEAH? NOT IN THIS WORLD...MAYBE IN SOME OTHER WORLD...IN HEAVEN MAYBE...OR SOME ISOLATED PLACE OUT IN THE WILDERNESS...BUT NOT IN THIS WORLD ARE THE MEEK AND POOR AND HUNGRY BLESSED." THE FIRST AND MOST NATURAL RESPONSE TO JESUS WAS THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE WANTS HIS FOLLOWERS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD. THERE IS SCHOLARLY

Woody Allen said once that when the Lion + the Lamb lie down together - in this world - only the lion is going to get up.

SPECULATION THAT THE DISCIPLES ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA - NAMELY, A KIND OF MONASTIC COMMUNITY IN THE DESERT WITH JESUS AS ITS LEADER WHERE THEY COULD TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS AND LIVE LIKE HE WANTED THEM TO LIVE; TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK, LOVING NEIGHBOR AS SELF, FORGIVING. THERE - ISOLATED FROM ALL THE AMBIGUITIES OF HUMAN LIFE, THINGS LIKE EARNING A LIVING, PAYING BILLS, MAKING LOVE, HAVING BABIES, OBEYING LAWS, THE TRUE AND CHRISTIAN LIFE COULD BE LIVED FAITHFULLY. OR IF THAT IS NOT PRACTICAL, THE TRUE AND CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A MATTER OF THE HEART, AN INTERNAL, INVISIBLE THING, A MATTER OF PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY.

SO THE VERY NEXT THING JESUS SAYS TO HIS NEW FOLLOWERS - AFTER HE HAD TOLD THEM HOW BLESSED IT IS TO BE POOR, MEEK, HUNGRY AND PURE OF HEART - IS TO GO

PUBLIC WITH IT. COME OUT WITH IT. YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH! EVEN MORE DRAMATIC IN TERMS OF VISIBILITY; YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; NO ONE AFTER LIGHTING A LAMP PUTS IT UNDER A BUSHEL. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO GOD."

THERE ARE LIBRARIES WRITTEN ABOUT THOSE TWO METAPHORS AND A FLOOD OF SERMONIC WORDS INVESTED IN THEM. NOTICE SIMPLY THE NUANCE. SALT AND LIGHT DO NOT EXIST FOR THEMSELVES. EACH TAKES ON ITS ESSENTIAL NATURE WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. IN A SENSE, SALT BECOMES SALT WHEN IT GOES TO WORK AND STARTS CHANGING WHATEVER IT TOUCHES - PRESERVING, CLEANSING, SEASONING, FERTILIZING. LIGHT IS ONLY LIGHT AGAINST SOME BACKGROUND OF DARKNESS.

IN REALITY, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL FREQUENTLY PERSUADED THAT REAL RELIGION - AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY - IS MORE A MATTER OF PERSONAL, PRIVATE SPIRITUALITY. "WHAT I BELIEVE IS BETWEEN GOD AND ME." "RELIGION AND POLITICS DON'T MIX." "MY FAITH IS LIKE A QUIET REFUGE AWAY FROM THE NOISE OF LIFE."

THE LATE HUGH T. KERR, EDITOR OF THEOLOGY TODAY, WAS WORKING ON A BOOK ABOUT CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY WHEN HE DIED. HE NOTED THAT THERE'S A STRONG APPEAL TO PRIVATE SPIRITUALITY, THE NOTION THAT WE NEED FIRST TO GET INTO OURSELVES, TO EXPLORE OUR OWN INTERIORS, AND THAT IN ORDER TO DO THAT WE MUST GET AWAY FROM THE WORLD. SO, RETREAT CENTERS ARE FULLY BOOKED, SHELVES ARE FULL OF TITLES ON HOW TO GET INTO YOURSELF, HOW TO MEDITATE, HOW TO LEARN FROM THE MYSTICS AND GURUS. HOW TO DEAL WITH

YOUR PERSONAL DEMONS AND ADDICTIONS AND DEPENDENCIES.

THERE IS, OF COURSE, IMPORTANT TRUTH HERE. THERE IS SPIRIT, SOUL, IN EACH OF US WHICH MAY BE LARGELY UNEXPLORED. THERE IS, I HAVE COME TO BELIEVE BECAUSE I HAVE WITNESSED IT SO MANY TIMES, A SPIRITUAL REALITY, A DEPTH, A BEAUTY, THAT GOES UNREALIZED, UNRECOGNIZED, UNAPPRECIATED, IN MOST OF US. UPWARDLY MOBILE, HARD WORKING, TYPE A, modern CHRISTIANS ARE MOSTLY TOO BUSY TO DEAL WITH MATTERS OF THE SPIRIT. SO YES, THERE IS A LOT TO BE LEARNED AND GAINED BY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR OWN INTERNAL REALITIES, AND MAKING TIME FOR THE EXPLORATION AND INTENTIONALLY PULLING BACK FROM THE TENSION AND PRESSURE AND UNRELENTING DRIVE IN ORDER TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH OUR OWN SOUL.

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'a religion curved in upon itself'...

a religion not far from spiritual selfishness

BUT THAT IS ONLY HALF THE TRUTH AND LEFT UNCORRECTED LEADS TO A CHRISTIANITY ISOLATED FROM AND IRRELEVANT TO THE LIFE WE [redacted] LIVE MOST OF THE TIME. "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD... LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE." THE OTHER HALF OF THE TRUTH IS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS FOLLOWED IN THE WORLD, THAT ACTS OF COMPASSION AND MERCY AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD ARE THE WAYS HIS FRIENDS LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH AND THAT YOU AND I BECOME FULLY HUMAN AND FULLY CHRISTIAN AS WE LIVE OUT, IN THE WORLD, WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHO WE ARE IN OUR HEARTS.

AND THERE IS HERE A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. WE EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. A CHURCH THAT DOES NOT DEFINE ITS LIFE IN TERMS OF THE WORLD AROUND IT IS AS IRRELEVANT AS A CANDLE ON A BRIGHT SUNNY AFTERNOON, OR SALT WHICH NEVER TOUCHES

ANYTHING. CHURCH PEOPLE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT MISSION PROGRAMS OF CARING AND HELPING AND ADVOCATING ARE EXTRA-CURRICULAR, ADD-ON OPTIONS AFTER YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT HERE JESUS IS SAYING THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH HAS TO DO WITH BEING SALT AND LIGHT IN THE WORLD.

~~AND SO, AS WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHURCH ANYWHERE, BUT PARTICULARLY WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THIS CHURCH IN THIS PLACE, WE HAVE SAID, "WE ARE A LIGHT IN THE CITY"; AND WE HAVE SET OUT TO BE~~ SALT AND LIGHT...TO CHANGE, PRESERVE, SEASON - TO ILLUMINATE AND CLARIFY, AND TO MAKE SAFE AND BRIGHT SOMETHING OF THE WORLD GOD HAS CALLED US TO LOVE - AND FERTILIZE. LEONARD SWEET SAYS THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF SALT IN THE ANCIENT WORLD WAS TO FERTI-LIZE ACIDIC SOIL...AND THAT THAT'S WHAT

THE CHURCH SHOULD BE ABOUT; A PROVOCATIVE METAPHOR! IT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING MARK TWAIN ONCE SAID ABOUT PREACHERS: NAMELY, THAT THEY'RE A LOT LIKE MANURE; GET THEM TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE AND THEY RAISE A STINK, BUT SPREAD OUT ON THE LAND THEY DO A ~~LITTLE~~ some OF GOOD.

SO THE VIABILITY AND FAITHFULNESS OF THE CHURCH MAY ALWAYS BE MEASURED BY THE EFFECT - THE FORCE OF ITS PRESENCE - THE SALTINESS OF ITS MINISTRY - THE LIGHT OF ITS MISSION.

("THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE...")

WHO ME? MY LITTLE LIGHT? WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ANY? WHAT IF I FEEL LIKE I NEED SOME LIGHT IN MY DARKNESS? WHAT IF MY LIFE IS A DAY-TO-DAY, HOUR-BY-HOUR STRUGGLE TO KEEP MY HEAD ABOVE WATER? WHAT IF I'M NOT POWERFUL, AN INFLUENTIAL EXECUTIVE OR PROMINENT POLITICIAN? WHAT

POSSIBLE LIGHT CAN I PERSONALLY SHINE ON ANYTHING? WHO HASN'T THOUGHT LIKE THAT?

I THINK MAYBE THE LIGHT JESUS WANTS YOU AND ME TO SHINE IS WHATEVER IT IS THAT BURNS BRIGHTLY INSIDE OF US. I THINK IT MEANS THAT SOMEWHERE INSIDE EACH ONE OF US IS A PLACE OF BRIGHT LIGHT, A PLACE OF DEEP CARING AND PASSION, AND STRONG LOVE AND COURAGE - BECAUSE GOD PUT IT THERE.

EACH OF US, I BELIEVE, HAS LIGHT TO SHINE. SOMETIMES THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. WHEN JESUS LOOKED AT THAT MOTLEY BAND OF FISHERMEN AND TAX COLLECTORS AND HOMEMAKERS - MARY MAGDALENE, MARTHA, PETER, ANDREW - AND SAID, "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD," I'M CONVINCED THEY TOO HAD TROUBLE BELIEVING IT. BUT THEY WERE SOMEHOW IN SPITE OF THEIR SELF DOUBTS AND OBVIOUS WEAKNESSES AND THEIR FAILURES AND INFIDELITIES AND BETRAYALS

Them didn't feel like salt of earth light of world. Far from it!

- THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THE WORLD HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE.

WE ARE NOT ALL POWERFUL EXECUTIVES OR INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS OR BRILLIANT THINKERS, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR LIGHT IS, BUT I BELIEVE YOU HAVE IT BECAUSE GOD GAVE IT TO YOU. IT IS WHATEVER BURNS BRIGHTLY IN YOUR SOUL. IT MAY BE YOUR CONSCIENCE AT THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE AT WORK; YOUR DISCOMFORT WITH THE WAY SOMEONE IS BEING TREATED; YOUR CONCERN FOR SOMETHING IN THE COMMUNITY; OR IT MAY BE YOUR GIFT WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN HIDING - YOUR POETRY, MUSIC, ART; OR IT MAY BE YOUR LOVE FOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES/NEPHEWS, ALL THE CHILDREN; OR FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER; OR FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO NEEDS YOU; OR FOR GOD, I BELIEVE IT IS A MATTER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR YOU AND ME TO KNOW

WHAT OUR LIGHT IS AND TO LET IT SHINE - SO THAT OTHERS MAY SEE GOD.

SOMEONE WHO DID THAT FOR me + A LOT OF US in Chn. WAS A WOMAN WHO JUST DIED - ON EASTER SUNDAY IN FACT. \ LET TELL YOU ABOUT HER. \ HER HUSBAND IS A FRIEND OF MINE, A MINISTER OF A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ONE OF CHICAGO'S NORTH SHORE SUBURBS. \ IT WAS A SECOND MARRIAGE FOR BOTH OF THEM. THEY JOINED THEIR 2 FAMILIES AND TOGETHER PRESIDED OVER A HOUSEFUL OF SIX CHILDREN. | HER NAME WAS JAN. | SHE WAS BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL, FULL OF INCREDIBLE ENERGY, A SUPERB MUSICIAN, A SUCCESSFUL COMPOSER, \ A PASSIONATE LOVER OF LIFE. SHE HAD AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS, LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE. | WE ALL KNEW ABOUT HER. \ WE THOUGHT ABOUT HER AND PRAYED FOR HER AND EVERY NOW AND THEN CALLED HER HUSBAND TO ENCOURAGE THEM. | By the end, JAN'S DISEASE HAD PRETTY THOROUGHLY

Happy chaotic

Must now grown + visit children in the Chn.

cook gardens - played good tennis

IMMOBILIZED HER. SHE HAD MOVEMENT ONLY IN HER LEFT FOREARM AND FINGERS AND SOME HEAD MOVEMENT. ANOTHER FRIEND OF MINE VISITED HER NOT LONG BEFORE SHE DIED. PHYLLIS WAS WORRIED THAT THE VISIT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT AND CONVERSATION UNCOMFORTABLE FOR JAN. SHE TOLD ME SHE HARDLY GOT A WORD IN. JAN COMMUNICATED BY WAY OF A LAPTOP COMPUTER, WITH THE FINGERS OF HER LEFT HAND DOING THE TALKING, AND THE WORDS WERE POPPING UP ON THE SCREEN, PHYLLIS SAID.

SHE WAS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE. SHE STARTED EACH DAY BY ASKING GOD WHAT HER ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE FOR THAT DAY - AND THEN SHE WROTE.

PHYLLIS MUSTERED HER COURAGE AND ASKED, "WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU CAN'T MOVE YOUR FINGERS?" AND JAN TOLD HER ABOUT A COMPUTER ACTIVATED BY EYE MOVE-

MENT THAT SHE PLANS TO USE TO CONTINUE HER WRITING.

So I THINK ABOUT HER WHENEVER I READ ABOUT JESUS TELLING HIS FRIENDS THAT THEY ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND I ~~THOUGHT~~ think ABOUT WHAT A SORRY THING IT IS TO BE HEALTHY AND WHOLE AND FULL OF LOVE AND POTENTIAL PASSION, FULL OF STRENGTH AND UNTRIED COURAGE - AND ACTUALLY TO BE WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT I HAVE A LIGHT TO SHINE, OR TO BE TOO AFRAID TO LET IT SHINE. I AND I ~~THOUGHT~~ think ABOUT THE CHURCH - ~~THIS CHURCH EVEN~~, AND ALL THE POWER AND LOVE AND PASSION WHICH WOULD GATHER IN ~~HERE~~, AND I ~~THOUGHT~~ think ABOUT THE MIRACLES WHICH WOULD START HAPPENING IF JESUS SOMEHOW WALKED IN ~~HERE~~ AND LOOKED ALL OF US IN THE EYE AND SAID, "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE."

in churches all over the world on Sun. morning -

AND I ~~THOUGHT~~ so thinks MAYBE EACH OF US OUGHT TO GO THROUGH THE REST OF THIS DAY, at least, AT LEAST, SINGING -

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE..."
AMEN.

Aff. Faith
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Ec. Ver
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